(c) Fake cylinders are unsafe for use.

(d) As per the statement of the partner of the firm, arrested by the police, these cylinders were procured from a party of Ambala. These cylinders were filled from other filled cylinders by transferring the product through a pipe.

(e) Field officers of the oil companies keep a watch on the circulation of spurious cylinders in the system. Raids are conducted on suspected premises Whenever spurious cylinders are detected by the oil marketing companies, they are immediately destroyed. When such cylinders are detected from LPG agencies or transporters, they are issued caution/ warning letters and a penalty of Rs. 1500 per spurious cylinder is levied.

Bursting of pipelines while Hydrotesting

368. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state whether Govt's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Financil Express, Bombay of June 15, 1993 under the caption GAIL threatens to blacklist Saw Pipes' and state:

(a) whether it is a fact M/s. Saw Pipes Limited are suppliers of speciality pipes to Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL);

(b) if so, what are the details of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission orders placed with the firm;

(c) whether there have been four bursts of pipelines (three in Rajasthan and one at Bombay) on 12the June 1993 while hydrotesting of the pipelines;

(d) what are the facts in respect of each case and the details of enquiries made in each case; and

(e) what action Government have taken against the firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to ONGC, four orders have been placed by them on the firm for line pipes of total length of approximately 68 kms. In addition 95 kms of order were placed on an Indian Consortium with M/s. Saw Pipes as a partner.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The report of the Enquiry Committee is awaited.

Orders placed by ONGC on the Indian Consortium of M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels Ltd., Bombay

369. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3651 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th March, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the details of orders placed by ONGC on the Indian Consortium of M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels (P) Limited, Bombay and Saw Pipes Limited for saw type of line pipes for seamless line pipes, risers and bends for SHG Project of Bombay High;

(b) what is the quantity and value of each order;

(c) what progress has so far been made in repect of each order; and;

(d) when each of the orders is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) ONGC had placed an order on an Indian Consortium of M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels (P) Ltd., Bombay and M/s. SAW Pipes Ltd., New Delhi for supply of SAW line pipes, risers and bends for SHG Process Platform Project. As per the contract, the Consortium was to supply a revised quantity of 18.30 Kms. of 24" and 77 Kms. of 28" SAW line pipes and also associated risers and bends 28 and 36 sizes as a total price of about US dolar 21.60 million plus Rs. 43.38 crores.

(c) and (d) The delivery of the entire quantity of line pipes has been completed by 12.2.1993. Risers and bends have been shipped from Germany and are to be delivered to ONGC"s Coat and Wrap Contractor by end of July and end August, 1993 respectively.